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REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

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(I) MAPUTO 0953

1. SUMMARY. REFTEL MESSAGES REPORT ON CONDITIONS IN THE THREE
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ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. VISIT OF UN ASSTSEC GEN
ABDULRAHIM FARAH TO MOZAMBIQUE IN JULY PROVIDED THE LOCAL UNHCR
OFFICE WITH BETTER IDEA OF REFUGEE FOOD REQUIREMENTS FOR BALANCE
OF 1977 AND 1978. ON BASIS THIS NEW INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS THAT THE USG MAKE A GRANT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAM-
BIQUE (GPRM) OF 2,788 TONS OF FOOD UNDER PL480 TITLE II,
SECTION 201, FOR DIRECT, FREE DISTRIBUTION TO THE ZIMBABWEAN

REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

2. UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 411 CALLS UPON THE UN AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO ENABLE IT TO OVERCOME THE SEVERE ECONOMIC LOSS AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RHODESIAN RAIDS. FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION, UN ASSTSEC GEN FARAH VISITED MOZAMBIQUE IN MID-JULY TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON MOZAMBIQUE'S NEEDS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, FARAH SOUGHT TO ASSESS THE COST OF REBUILDING THE VILLAGES, RAILWAYS AND ROADS DESTROYED BY THE RHODESIAN FORCES, OF RESETTLING MOZAMBICANS FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF THE FIGHTING, AND OF HOUSING AND CARING FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF FARAH'S REVIEW, THE LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE NOW HAS A BETTER IDEA OF REFUGEE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING FOOD NEEDS, FOR THE BALANCE OF 1977 AND THROUGH 1978.

3. THE REPORT OF THE FARAH MISSION IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED AS A UN DOCUMENT. ACTING UNHCR REP SERGIO VIEIRA DE MELO HAS SHOWN THE EMBASSY A DRAFT OF THE SECTION ON ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY HIS OFFICE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GPRM. THE REPORT WILL SHOW:

- THAT IN MID-JULY THE NUMBER OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE STOOD AT APPROXIMATELY 35,000, OF WHOM 32,000 ARE IN CAMPS (16,000 IN DOROI, 12,000 IN TRONGA AND 4,000 IN MAVUDZI) AND 3,000 SCATTERED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TETE PROVINCE AWAIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING TRANSPORTATION TO THE CAMPS.

- THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE REFUGEES SINCE APRIL 1977. THESE IMPROVEMENTS RESULTED AMONG OTHER THINGS FROM: THE UNHCR AIR SHIPMENTS IN JULY OF 125 TONS OF BLANKETS, CLOTHING SHOES, ESSENTIAL FOOD, MEDICINE AND RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES; THE COMMITMENT IN JULY BY THE UNHCR OF \$350,000 FOR RECURRENT REFUGEE PROGRAM COSTS AND \$300,000 FOR MEDICINES, SCHOOL BOOKS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING KITS FOR THE CAMPS.

4. THE CURRENT FOOD SITUATION IN THE CAMPS HAS ALSO IMPROVED. THE SWEDISH AID OFFER OF \$1.1 MILLION ENABLED THE MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES TO PAY ALL OF ITS PAST FOOD BILLS AND TO PURCHASE A SUPPLY OF STAPLES (MAIZE MEAL, BEANS, DRIED FISH AND MEAT, SALT, SUGAR) FOR FUTURE CAMP DELIVERIES. THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD (CSM, DRIED FISH, PULSES AND NFD) FOR THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS THROUGH ITS QUICK ACT ON PROCEDURES. DELIVERY OF WFP FOOD UNDER THIS PROGRAM, VALUED AT \$1 MILLION, WILL COMMENCE THIS AUTUMN.

5. TO MEET THE BASIC FOOD REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES,

HOWEVER, IMPOSES A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE GPRM. FROM AUGUST 1977 TO THE END OF 1978 THE GPRM AND UNHCR OFFICE ESTIMATE REFUGEE FOOD REQUIREMENTS AT \$2 MILLION. THE WFP FOOD WILL HELP, BUT BY DEFINITION THIS HELP IS SUPPLEMENTARY. THE UNHCR CAN ONLY CONTRIBUTE SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD. THE \$1.1 MILLION SWEDISH AID HAS ALREADY BEEN ENTIRELY COMMITTED OR SPENT. THE GPRM WILL THEREFORE BE LOOKING TO FOREIGN DONORS FOR DONATIONS OF FOOD OR CASH TO HELP DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED FOR LOCAL PURCHASES.

6. DE MELO IS CONFIDENT THAT DONATIONS OF FOOD OR OTHER REFUGEE SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WILL REACH THE REFUGEES WITH A MINIMUM OF LOSS OR DELAY. HIS LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE NOW SENDS OFFICERS TO BEIRA TO OVERSEE THE OFFLOADING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DELIVERY OF GOODS DESTINED FOR THE REFUGEES. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DIRECTORATE OF REFUGEES, THE DONATION OF VEHICLES BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FOR USE OF THE REFUGEE PROGRAM, AND GREATER ACCESS OF UNHCR OFFICIALS TO THE CAMPS, DE MELO BELIEVES THAT DISTRIBUTION SNAGS OF THE PAST HAVE FOR THE MOST PART BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

7. IN REFTEL F THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER A GRANT OF PL480 FOOD FOR THE REFUGEES, EITHER THROUGH THE UNHCR OR BILATERALLY. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION NOW TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH WHEN FOOD IS USUALLY IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE LOCAL MARKETS. (WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS CONTRIBUTION BE IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER CONTRIBUTION WE MAKE TO UNHCR'S \$16 MILLION APPEAL IN JUNE.)

8. RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE USG GRANT TO THE GPRM 2,788 METRIC TONS OF FOOD UNDER SECTION 201 OF TITLE II. OUR FOOD CALCULATION IS BASED ON A DAILY PER CAPITA RATION FOR ONE YEAR FOR 30,000 INDIVIDUALS OF 200 GRAMS RICE, 40 GRAMS NFDN AND 15 GRAMS VEGETABLE OIL; REQUIRING IN METRIC TONS, RICE 2,190, NFDN 438, AND VEGETABLE OIL 160. THE RICE, NFDN AND VEGETABLES WERE SELECTED TO GIVE THE REFUGEES A MORE VARIED AND ATTRACTIVE DIET.

9. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. WE ARE AWARE THAT NORMALLY RICE IS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER TITLE II. WE ARE ASKING THE STATE/AID REPRESENTATIVE TO SEEK AN EXCEPTION FROM THE INTERAGENCY STAFF COMMITTEE FOR THIS PROGRAM. AS STATED IN REFTEL I, THE GPRM IS IMPORTING RICE FOR ITS COMMERCIAL MARKET AND INSTITUTIONAL FEEDING PROGRAMS. CONSIDERING THE U.S. RICE STOCK POSITION, THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE REFUGEES AND THE ANNOUNCED U.S. DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE BELIEVE THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCEPTION IS JUSTIFIED.

10. IF THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION IS APPROVED, THE TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SIGNATURE IN MAPUTO. FOLLOWING AR SPECIAL ITEMS (REFER TO TA 7601 FORMAT): PARAGRAPH 5.A) TWO EQUAL SHIPMENTS, FIRST ASAP, SECOND TO FOLLOW IN FOUR MONTHS. B) TOTAL SHIPMENT TO BEIRA. C) SAME AS "IN BEIRA." PARAGRAPH 6. PLEASE INCLUDE RATION PER PARA 8 THIS TELEGRAM ABOVE, NO SALES, LOCAL COSTS TO ACCOUNT OF GPRM. NO EXCEPTION TO REG. 11. INCLUDE ITEM C.

11. MISSION REQUESTS PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE RECOMMENDATION HEREIN.

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